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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Bringsjord et al.

Serial No.: 09/471,689

Group Art Unit: 2121

Filed: December 23, 1999

Examiner: Kelvin Booker

For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR AUTOMATIC COMPUTATION CREATIVITY AND  
SPECIFICALLY FOR STORY GENERATION

Honorable Assistant Commissioner of Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

BOX AFAMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 24, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

29 (Amended) A system for generating a story, comprising:

means for selecting a theme of said story;

means for examining elements of said theme and instantiating said theme; and

means for using said theme to select and control other aspects of the story generation, including a plot of said story which employs knowledge-generated characteristics, relationships, and events.

32. (Amended) A computer-implemented, theme-based method of creating a story, comprising:

automatically generating, by a computer, a story based on a theme,

wherein elements of the theme of the story are expounded upon in a simulation engine in the computer to further generate a plot of the story which employs knowledge-generated characteristics, relationships, and events.